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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING AUGUST 12 (SALT TWO - 723)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE FURTHER STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE (SUBPARA 2(A) OF ARTICLE XVIII) AND SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT REITERATING THEIR POSITION ON DEFINITIONS AND

INTRODUCING REVISED LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE X (MISCELLANEOUS BANS). HIS REVISED ARTICLE X INCLUDED SAME LIST WITH MINOR CHANGES SO AS TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE CRUISE MISSILES; BUT ON SUBPARA (E) (WEAPONS IN ORBIT) THE LANGUAGE READS IN THEIR TRANSLATION AS "SYSTEMS FOR PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO NEAR-EARTH ORBIT." ACCORDING TO MY INTERPRETERS, RUSSIAN PHRASE "OKOLOZEMNAYA ORBITA" MIGHT BE BETTER TRANSLATED AS "EARTH ORBIT." IN REPLY TO THEIR QUERIES TO SOVIET INTERPRETERS, LATTER SAID THAT RUSSIAN PHRASE DID NOT CARRY WITH IT ANY IMPLICATION AS TO NEARNESS OF ORBITS TO THE EARTH.

2. MY EFFORTS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION TO PROBE SEMENOV ON SIG-SECRET

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NIFICANCE OF THEIR LANGUAGE CHANGE FOR SUBPARA (E), SPECIFICALLY

WAS IT INTENDED TO INCLUDE OUR CONCEPT OF FOBS, WERE ENTIRELY FRUITLESS. HE SAID LANGUAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW AND HE WOULD TAKE MY QUESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT. WHEN PRESSED FURTHER, HE SUGGESTED THAT I CONSULT WASHINGTON, IMPLYING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRIOR AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE. I SAID I WOULD, OF COURSE, DO SO, BUT MY QUESTION WAS STILL OUTSTANDING. HE PRESSED ME HARD ON WHEN I WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS IN ARTICLE X AND AGAIN RAISED NON-TRANSFER. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD SHORTLY BE SUBMITTING NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE IX (WEAPONS ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS). HE ALSO QUESTIONED ME ON OUR PROPOSAL FOR PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII (VERIFICATION)--IN PARTICULAR, WHAT WAS PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PHRASE IN DRAFT AGREED STATEMENT "OR OTHERWISE HINDER THE COLLECTION OF ANY DATA, INCLUDING TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT DATA, REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION BY NIM." ON LATTER I PROMISED HIS CONSIDERED REPLY AT NEXT MEETING.

3. IN ALL OTHER BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS, ALL SOVIETS REFUSED SPECIFICALLY TO CONFIRM THAT THEIR REVISED LANGUAGE ON WEAPONS IN ORBIT INCLUDED OUR FOBS CONCEPT. HOWEVER, SHCHUKIN WITH MAY AND TRUSOV WITH ROWNY IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE WITH US ON FOBS AND THAT THEIR LANGUAGE WAS DESIGNED TO INCLUDE CONCEPT. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON WHAT, IF ANY, EXCHANGES THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ON WEAPONS-IN-ORBIT LANGUAGE.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15.

5. THERE WILL BE NO HGIHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING. JOHNSON

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